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THE WEATHER

Oregon, Washington and Idaho—Cloudy with probably showers.

A HEARTY "WIRELESS."

The City of Astoria to the Officers of the Line and Staff, and the Men of the Atlantic Fleet, Off the Columbia River: Greeting!

We are infinitely proud of the great ships you are commanding, serving and manning, and of the country to whose honor and glory you are devoted. We wish conditions had been such that you might have entered the Columbia and this splendid harbor, lingered here for the best expression of our pride and hospitality we could have given you; and then ascended the river to the Oregon metropolis for the further and ampler testimony of the same feeling that exists there. Had this been possible, and consummated, we would have seen you pass on to the Sound cities with even greater good will than we watch your passage now.

As it is, we wish you to know that we are an all-American populace here and know a good thing when we see it, if it is a long way off; and we feel that you are ours, Astoria's, just as much as you are the nation's; that when your magnificent faculties and equipment shall be engaged in whatever of contest shall arise, it will be for us and ours as for all others in this superb land; that what of open, cordial, generous reception and greeting shall be given you, or has been showered upon you, the good people of this great valley will "second the motion," and have, all along the line.

We wish you God-speed on every mile of the great journey ahead of you. We shall never be out of touch with you for an instant, and shall gladly acclaim every mark of distinction and success that falls across your earth-girdling path; and when you shall enter home-waters again, 3000 miles away from Astoria, our greeting, grateful, commending, prideful and deep will be there ready for the recognition which our deep fellowship and citizenship shall waken in your home-coming hearts.

THE PEOPLE OF ASTORIA.

MERELY SIMMERING.

Politics in old Clatsop are merely simmering.

There is a remarkable dearth of interest in the coming election here compared with past campaigns; that is, on the surface. If one scratches about a bit one discovers there is a quiet concern and lively intelligence in regard to candidates and measures that is really gratifying; and the conclusion is justifiable that the people are doing far more thinking than talking, always the better part of wisdom.

It is time the country was doing its own thinking and turning down the false lure of the "boss," the "fakir," the "spell-binder" and all other self-serving instrumentalities of the old-time regulation campaign; the people have been cajoled to the limit and have wakened to the imposition, and it is well, and will be better so long as they keep their own counsel and do their own voting.

The man who thinks it out and applies his own tests of value has the bulge on the man who has to be told "what's what" and on the man who tells the man, as well; and the results are likely to be larger and healthier for thinker and non-thinker. It is simply another way of educating ourselves to our own responsibilities and

taking them over with the consciousness of being able to discharge them. As it used to be, we passed the responsibility along with the emoluments of power and money, to the "boss" who told us what to do and when and how to do it.

The lambs have been sheared to the bone and are now "butting in" on their own account, and that is the reason, we take it, that politics down this way, are "merely simmering."

THE DAY OF BILLIONS.

The present Congress has voted one thousand and twenty-six millions of dollars for the new fiscal year and had to prune a whole lot of demands in the doing of it. We are a billion dollar country in a billion dollar day, and have chucked our swaddling clothes for good. It sounds terrific, of course, to the poor little remote citizen who has to sweat blood for the paltry income that does not reach half way round his wants and needs; but it is one of the essentials of an expanding, progressive nation, and if it be but honestly spent, there will be no complaint; and another year of Theodore Roosevelt may leave us the assurance that it is being properly and safely expended. Of one thing we may be certain, he has not signed a single appropriation that could be dispensed with in honor and prudence. We have grown to the new limits that are set by time, and it will not be so irksome in the days to come when we have attained to the supremacy we are entitled to. Meanwhile the great fleet which constitutes one of the prime items of this enormous bill of expense, is just outside and we must ask to be excused.

EDITORIAL SALAD

In Kentucky a citizen is commonly addressed as "Colonel"; in Arkansas, as "Governor."

The jingoes have experienced a sad blow. An arbitration treaty has just been signed between the United States and Japan.

Our polite friends, the Japanese, are well pleased with the honorable arbitration treaty just signed with Uncle Sam.

Governors from the west side of the Mississippi are qualified to do all the practical talking on the subject of irrigation and national forest reserves.

The mill value of lumber cut in the United States last year was \$621,000,000. Before bragging about it, the size of the hole it left should be estimated.

Three or four buried cities have been found in Texas. A larger number can be noticed along the Ohio, where the fifth flood of the season is just running out.

One of the perquisites of statesmanship in Washington is the morning call on the president by senators and representatives piloting visitors from their home towns.

On May 1 the condition of winter wheat in the United States was nearly 6 per cent better than on the same date a year ago. This is the prosperity talk that tells.

Another satellite of Jupiter has been discovered, which makes eight. Some of the old farmers think that planting potatoes on Jupiter must be a complicated problem.

Biliousness and Constipation.

For years I was troubled with biliousness and constipation, which made life miserable for me. My appetite failed me. I lost my usual force and vitality. Pepsin preparations and cathartics only made matters worse. I do not know where I should have been today had I not tried Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. The tablets relieve the ill feeling at once, strengthen the digestive functions, purify the stomach, liver and blood, helping the system to do its work naturally.—Mrs. Rosa Potts, Birmingham, Ala. These tablets are for sale by Frank Hart and Leading Druggists.

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